

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of augmenting multimedia content by a user comprising:
receiving a content selection from the user;
receiving an augmentation from the user; and
associating the augmentation with the content selection.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the augmentation is an annotation and further comprising storing the annotation.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
displaying a list of annotations for the content selection to the user;
receiving an annotation selection from the user;
receiving editing data from the user; and
editing the annotation selection according to the editing data.
4. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
storing the annotation and the content selection in a format suitable for use by an external application.
5. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
exporting the annotation and the content selection to an external application.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the augmentation is a bookmark and further comprising:
determining related sources with information related to the selected content; and
associating the related sources with the bookmark.
7. The method of claim 6 further comprising:
displaying the related sources when the bookmark is accessed by the user;
receiving a source selection from the user; and
displaying information from the source selection to the user.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein determining related sources comprises:
examining a profile of the user;
determining if a remote network connection is available; and
determining if a local network device is available.
9. The method of claim 6 further comprising:
storing the bookmark, the related sources, and the content selection in a format
suitable for use by an external application.
10. The method of claim 6 further comprising:
exporting the bookmark, the related sources, and the content selection to an external
application.
11. A computer-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a computer to
perform a method comprising:
receiving a content selection from a user;
receiving an augmentation from the user; and
associating the augmentation with the content selection.
12. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the augmentation is an
annotation and the method further comprises storing the annotation.
13. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the method further comprises:
displaying a list of annotations for the content selection to the user;
receiving an annotation selection from the user;
receiving editing data from the user; and
editing the annotation selection according to the editing data.
14. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the method further comprises:
storing the annotation and the content selection in a format suitable for use by an
external application.

15. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the method further comprises:
exporting the annotation and the content selection to an external application.
16. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the augmentation is a bookmark
and the method further comprises:
determining related sources with information related to the selected content; and
associating the related sources with the bookmark.
17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the method further comprises:
displaying the related sources when the bookmark is accessed by the user;
receiving a source selection from the user; and
displaying information from the source selection to the user.
18. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein determining related sources
comprises:
examining a profile of the user;
determining if a remote network connection is available; and
determining if a local network device is available.
19. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the method further comprises:
storing the bookmark, the related sources, and the content selection in a format
suitable for use by an external application.
20. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the method further comprises:
exporting the bookmark, the related sources, and the content selection to an external
application.
21. A computer system comprising:
a processor coupled to a memory through a bus; and
an augmentation process executed by the processor from the memory to cause the
processor to receive a content selection and an augmentation from a user and associate the
augmentation with the content selection.

22. The computer system of claim 21, wherein the augmentation is an annotation and the augmentation process further causes the processor to store the annotation.

23. The computer system of claim 22, wherein the augmentation process further causes the processor to display a list of annotations for the content selection to the user, to receive an annotation selection and editing data from the user, and edit the annotation selection according to the editing data.

24. The computer system of claim 22, wherein the augmentation process further causes the processor to store the annotation and the content selection in a format suitable for use by an external application.

25. The computer system of claim 22, wherein the augmentation process further causes the processor to export the annotation and the content selection to an external application.

26. The computer system of claim 21, wherein the augmentation is a bookmark and the augmentation process further causes the processor to determine related sources with information related to the selected content, and associate the related sources with the bookmark.

27. The computer system of claim 26, wherein the augmentation process further causes the processor to display the related sources when the bookmark is accessed by the user, receive a source selection from the user, and display information from the source selection to the user.

28. The computer system of claim 26, wherein the augmentation process further causes the processor to examine a profile of the user, determine if a remote network connection is available, and determine if a local network device is available to determine the related sources.

29. The computer system of claim 26, wherein the augmentation process further causes the processor to store the bookmark, the related sources, and the content selection in a format suitable for use by an external application.

30. The method of claim 26, wherein the augmentation process further causes the processor to export the bookmark, the related sources, and the content selection to an external application.

31. A system for augmenting multimedia content by a user comprising:
a presentation module to present a graphical interface to the user when the user selects content;
an augmentation module to augment content selected by the user;
an augmentation retrieval module to retrieve existing augmentations for the content selected by the user; and
an augmentation export module to export an augmentation for the content selected by the user.

32. The system of claim 31 further comprising:
an augmented content database containing augmentations for the content selected by the user.